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Last... The inside story of what went wrong in the Americas Cup... laugh Modern Times meets the people who stand up to make you laugh



Party... Full coverage of the SDP conference... games Cricket: who will win the John Player League? Cutting loose St Kitts-Nevis - the newest state on the brink of independence

TV dispute blacks out soccer

Independent television's Sunday afternoon football programme The Big Match has been blacked out for this weekend by a technicians' dispute. Viewers in England and Wales will be offered light entertainment.

Cram's triumph

Steve Cram, the world 1,500 metres champion, beat Steve Ovett, the world record holder over the same distance, in a mile race at Crystal Palace. His time was 3 minutes 52.56 seconds.

Head hides

Mr Lyn Blackshaw has gone into hiding after giving up the headship of Darlington Hall independent school. He resigned as he and his wife were pictured naked to The Sun newspaper.

Port bombed

In the second day of rebel air attacks on Nicaragua, oil storage tanks and a bridge at the port of Corinto were the targets for bombs and rocket attacks.

Jenkin warning

Councils must not use planning restrictions to hamper the growth of new industries, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said.

Racist allies

The strong racist overtones of local by-elections in Druze have assumed national importance in France after right wing opposition parties formed an alliance with the National Front in an attempt to defeat the left.

Reforms agreed

South Africa's parliament has approved the Government's constitutional reform Bill which gives limited political power to Indians and Coloureds but excludes the country's 20 million blacks.

Pensions battle

The battle has begun to give a fairer pensions deal to people who leave their jobs before pensionable age. One expert claimed their present treatment "often verges on the criminal".

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, Arts, Business, Sports, Chess, Church, Court, Crossword. Includes sub-sections like Diary, Press, Religion, Science, Services, Sport, TV & Radio, Weather.

Mortgages set to reach 13% after break up of cartel

Home loan rates could soon be as much as 13 per cent after a surprise move by Abbey National to withdraw from the Building Societies Association agreement on interest levels. By pulling out, Abbey National has effectively broken the interest rates cartel and a free-for-all could follow with societies competing for deposits. This would push up the investment rates and drag the mortgage rate higher.

Monthly Mortgage Repayments over 25 years. Table with columns: Loan, 11.25, 13.0. Rows: 15,000, 20,000, 25,000, 30,000, 40,000, 50,000, 75,000, 100,000.

Left set to takeover Labour's NEC

A left-wing landslide on the Labour Party national executive committee (NEC) is being confidently predicted as trade union leaders make their political choices in the run-up to next month's party conference. The present majority of 17-12 for the centre-right coalition on the NEC is almost certain to be converted to an 18-11 majority for the hard left and their allies.

Owen gives ground on candidate selection

The national leadership of the Social Democrats agreed yesterday to joint selection with the Liberals - in exceptional circumstances - of Alliance candidates for next year's elections to the European Parliament. It also agreed that a working group should consider joint selection for Westminster elections and report within the next two or three months.

Ford breaks sales truce on same day

On the day that Mr Sam Boyd, chairman of Ford in Britain, announced the ending of all incentive payments, a letter was going out to Ford dealers offering bonuses of up to £420 a car. This disclosure yesterday provoked strong criticism from Ford's competitors.



Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, was snubbed yesterday by local officials of the National Union of Mineworkers at Wearmouth Colliery. Sunderland, which he made his first visit underground since his appointment, Ronald Faux writes. When Mr MacGregor emerged from the 2,000ft deep shaft he said: "The mine is well equipped. They are a great bunch of people doing a great job."

Moscow admits that missiles destroyed Korean airliner

Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, chief of the Soviet general staff, yesterday told an unprecedented press conference in Moscow that the ill-fated Korean airliner had been destroyed by two missiles fired from a Sukhoi 15 fighter above Sakhalin Island. The decision to fire had been taken by the local air defence commander and had not been referred to Moscow until after the jumbo had been shot down, killing the 269 passengers on board.

Japan finds debris and child's body

Wakkanai, Japan (AP) - A child's body and part of what may be the tail of Korean Airlines flight 007 were washed up on the northern coast of Hokkaido on Thursday and yesterday, police said.

US pressing for tougher Nato action

A ban for a limited period on all commercial flights from Nato countries into the Soviet Union was being discussed last night by a special meeting of ambassadors to the alliance in Brussels. Although France and Greece were unlikely to change their opposition to the idea, the meeting was held at West Germany's initiative to underline the outrage in Nato countries at the Soviet act in shooting down the South Korean jumbo jet on September 1.

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Syrians pour in arms to Druze

Despite warnings from the United States not to get involved in the mountain battles outside Beirut, Syria is pouring shells, rockets, mortars, artillery and hundreds of tons of ammunition into the newly-captured Christian town of Bshamoun for the victorious Druze militia there to use against the Lebanese Army and the Christian Phalange. Much of Bshamoun is in ruins, and at least six fires were burning out of control yesterday as shells exploded across the houses. But Palestinian, Lebanese leftist and pro-Syrian Hezbollah guerrillas have now joined forces there with Druze militia.

RAF sends out Buccaneers

Six RAF Buccaneers have arrived in Cyprus to provide air support, if needed, for the British contingent in the Lebanon multinational peacekeeping force (Henry Stanhope writes). The decision to send the Buccaneers follows the deterioration in the Beirut situation, which has seen the 97-strong British squadron from the Queen's Dragoon Guards come under fire. The United States and France have already got ships and aircraft supporting them.

Mugabe and his 'law of detention'

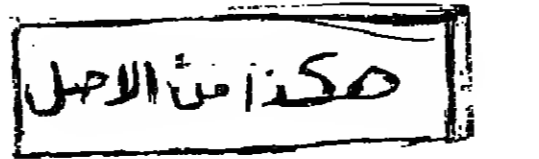
Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, said "last night in Dublin that the four Air Force officers still held after being cleared in court on sabotage charges had been rearrested because of intelligence information about them. The decision to take them back into custody 40 minutes after their acquittal in a Harare court had been taken by himself and his Minister of Security. Mr Mugabe told a press conference at the end of a two-day official visit to the Irish Republic that the two set free were held in detention because they had been found to be "less involved" in alleged activities.

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Mr Mugabe said: "The other cases will be reviewed and if we decide they should be released, they will be released. Those less involved will eventually be released - those more involved will take longer to be released." "Why is there so much concern about these men?" he asked. "They are not the only ones in detention, there are others. Is it because they are white? Is it because they are Mrs Thatcher's kith and kin?" He added: "We make our judgment on the basis of intelligence information and not necessarily on what evidence is given in court." "We decided these men had come through the judicial process and we would look again at the evidence and make a judgment... It is the common law we are applying - it is the law of detention."

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Mr Mugabe commented: "The criminal procedure we have here is held to be stupid as it says it does not matter if a person has committed a murder if it is found that police coercion has been used. He might be a murderer or a rapist or anything. It is absolutely stupid." "It is one of the principles borne out of the stupidity of our colonial past. After independence we discovered that from those who served with Ian Smith during UDI there emerged elements that worked hand in hand with South Africa to destabilise our situation."



Dartington head says 'I'm a victim' as parents delight in his departure

Mr Lyn Blackshaw went into hiding with his wife yesterday after his resignation as headmaster of Dartington Hall, the progressive public school in Devon as a photograph of the couple naked appeared in The Sun newspaper.

From Craig Seton, Totnes resigned hours before the newspaper went on sale. Mr Blackshaw, a former journalist with Reuters, and the Rand Daily Mail, had also been a teacher in London, worked in advertising with Kodak and was a courier with a tour firm.

Mr Blackshaw's sudden departure came after only a term at Dartington, whose fees range from £1,200 to £5,800, as parents gathered support for a campaign to force the school's seven trustees to dismiss him.

Mr Blackshaw's resignation was well received by some parents and two members of staff who had resigned over his alleged behaviour, Mr David-Gribble, staff member for 22 years and head of the junior and middle schools, until his recent resignation, expressed "absolute delight" at the news.

He said his wife was backing him in the decision. "We are a remarkable team. We have a very beautiful and long-standing relationship."

Immediately after Mr Blackshaw resigned, the running of the school was taken over by Mr Roger Tilbury, the deputy head, and Mr Eric Adams, the bursar.

Mr Gribble, the head of the junior and middle school who resigned last month because he found Mr Blackshaw's way of dealing with pupils and adults unacceptable said he hoped the head's resignation would enable the school to put right the "absurd" criticisms made of it.

Mr Paul Wesley, a Totnes bookseller, said a meeting of parents planned for tomorrow to discuss Mr Blackshaw's position would go ahead.

Mr Wesley said he was greatly relieved by Mr Blackshaw's departure.

He said that he had spoken to numerous parents since the resignation, and there was "immense relief", although he acknowledged that some other parents supported Mr Blackshaw, and believed that his tough approach was the right one.



Mrs Beth Blackshaw and her husband Mr Lyn Blackshaw, who are in hiding after his resignation from Dartington Hall.

Freedom is school's golden rule

By Richard Evans

"This school is for adventure", the opening words of the first Dartington Hall prospectus in 1926, proudly declared. The events of the past few days which culminated in the resignation of its headmaster have certainly proved the point.



Foxhole, the senior school at Dartington Hall.

But Dartington Hall's prospects quickly establish what sets it apart from other schools. It is not, the prospectus declares, controlled by privileges, competition, automatic sanctions or by fear. There is no corporal punishment, and no school uniform.

While recognizing the importance of a child's academic training the school aims "to keep examinations in perspective". Outside class, pupils are free at most times to do as they please with their own time.

China to get Sinclair computers

By Bill Johnston Electronic Correspondent. Sinclair home computers, which have made their inventor, Sir Clive Sinclair, a millionaire, are to be exported to China in kit form and assembled by local labour.

Cortina check in search for girl's killer

Police investigating the Caroline Hogg murder appealed yesterday to the 686 owners in Leicestershire of blue Ford Cortinas cars registered between August 1979 and December 1981 to attend police stations this weekend and next. It is a further stage in the hunt for the killer of the girl, aged five who was abducted near her Edinburgh home in July and was found dead in Leicestershire 10 days later.

Kiss dismissal upheld

A company director, Mr Anthony Brooker, aged 49, was dismissed from his family company after he kissed an employee, Miss Karen Hemsted, aged 19, on the cheek, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Court tussle over £31 for arms 'Peace' minister withholds tax

From Arthur Osman, Birmingham Birmingham, said the demand had come after he was under attack by 670. The £31 represented a proportion of that amount.

War and had decided to become a minister after the wartime bombings. He was a missionary in Madagascar for 15 years.

Bee Gee is jailed then freed

Robin Gibb, a member of the Bee Gees pop group, was jailed for two weeks yesterday by a divorce court judge in London - but was released several hours later on being fined £5,000 with costs by the Court of Appeal.

Three remanded on indecency charges

By a Staff Reporter. Three men who face seven joint charges under four Acts, five involving alleged incitement to commit sexual offences with children, were remanded until October 7 by magistrates at Bromley, London, yesterday.

Steven Adrian Smith, aged 28, of Christchurch Avenue, Harrow, north London; David Peter Bremner, aged 43, of Upper Clapton Road, east London, both unemployed; and David Joy, aged 42, a former teacher, of Russell Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, were all granted bail under conditions.

Making the most of our milk output

By John Young Agricultural Correspondent. A new range of milk-based products will appear in the shops in coming years, a new market report suggests.

MoD denies dumping nuclear submarine

By John Withrow and David Felton. The Ministry of Defence denied a report yesterday that it had deliberately sunk either an obsolete nuclear submarine or a submarine containing nuclear waste off the Cornish coast.

'Haunted' deckhand gets life for ship fire death

A seaman who started a fire which killed another crewman and destroyed a Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel four years ago, was jailed for life by the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the manslaughter of Mr Leslie Mason, aged 52 from Crewe, Cheshire, who suffocated to death in his cabin.

700 rejected

About 700 Commonwealth citizens and black Britons have been refused entry to France for day-trips or short holidays recently, Mr David Waddington Minister of State at the Home Office, has said in a letter.

9 million viewers

The all-night television rock marathon on BBC-2 over the Bank holiday drew nine million viewers and 16,000 telephone calls requesting their favourite videos, according to the BBC figures issued yesterday.

Child burnt in bonfire petrol accident

A girl aged 18 months was in a specialist burns unit yesterday after being accidentally sprayed with petrol when her father was lighting a bonfire.

Few Falklands troops cracked under strain

Psychiatric disorders among troops from both sides in the Falklands campaign were remarkably low, British and Argentine doctors have told the World Congress of Psychiatry.

Brewers to decide soon on stadium plan

Whitbread & Co., one of Britain's largest brewers, will decide in the next few weeks whether to fund the £20m development of a national indoor sports stadium at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. The stadium would be called the Whitbread National Indoor Stadium.

Revenge attack father released

A man aged 29, who attacked a man who allegedly sexually assaulted his handicapped daughter aged eight, was released from Walton prison, Liverpool, yesterday.

Asbestos to go

Brentholme, a hostel for mentally ill people in Willesden, north London, is to be temporarily cleared so that asbestos discovered in fire precaution material during a check can be removed.

London tourism director resigns

Mr Peter Stevens, the former arts administrator, has resigned as director of the London Tourism Board after 18 months in the post.

His resignation from the post, which carries a salary of £20,000 a year, takes effect from the end of the year. A statement from his office said he had left "in order to resume his career in television".

Golden Hind replica flooded

An emergency fire tender pumped out 4,000 gallons of water to save a replica of the Golden Hind at Brixham, Devon, yesterday.

Tent theatre may be saved

The Bubble Theatre, the tented company that has visited almost every London borough in the past 15 years, may be revived despite a recommendation by the drama advisory panel of the Greater London Arts Association that its £152,000 grant should be discontinued.

Closure threat

Caxton Hall in London, which was the scene of many society weddings, is facing closure and may be sold by Westminster City Council because it is losing money and needs nearly £400,000 for repairs. The sale price could be up to £4m.

Rig 'launched'

A \$60m drilling rig, the Sovereign Explorer, was officially "launched" yesterday at the Cammell Laird shipyard, Birkenhead, by Mrs Teresa Walker, the wife of the Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Peter Walker.



TUC BLACKPOOL 1983 • The media • Nuclear waste

'Featherlike Press Council' attacked

The general Council was urged to sever all links with the Press Council, which Mr Aidan White of the National Union of Journalists, said was powerless. Its rebukes to newspapers were "featherlike hits on the wrist".

Cash study ordered on possible launch of labour newspaper

Reports by Alan Wood, Gordon Wellman and Stephen Goodwin. The TUC General Council was charged at the final session of congress yesterday to investigate how the movement could best find the finance needed to launch and sustain a newspaper sympathetic to the labour movement.

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The character assassination by the media of certain people, and particularly Mr Arthur Scargill, was denounced by Mr Eric Clarke, Scottish secretary of the Scottish National Union of Mineworkers.

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The Government was interested in the early introduction of cable television because of the profits to be made by business, Mr John Gray, of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, told congress.

Boycott of nuclear dumping at sea

The dumping of nuclear waste at sea was condemned by Mr Jim Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seafarers, who moved a motion calling on the TUC General Council to urge other unions to support the boycott of nuclear waste dumping at sea.

Fraternal farewell: Delegates link arms for the singing end to the congress



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Rebirth of racism hits right in France

From Diana Goldie, Paris. The run-off tomorrow in the local by-elections in Dreux, to the west of Paris, has developed into an event of national importance with blatantly racist overtones. The local right-wing opposition parties have formed an alliance with the National Front, which polled a startling 17 per cent of the vote in the first round last Sunday.

Marcos goes on defensive

From Keith Dalton, Manila. President Ferdinand Marcos has been fighting a defensive battle since the assassination of the Philippine opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, which still has the country boiling with political speculation.

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Fight looms over missile contract

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent. The Ministry of Defence faces a bitter struggle over its intention to order a sea-skimming missile for the Royal Navy.

Customers' views on video curbs sought

By Bill Johnston, Electronics Correspondent. More than two million questionnaires have been sent to video dealers by the Video Trade Association, for distribution to customers in an attempt to gauge their reaction to video censorship.

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More air raids in Central America

Planes blast Nicaragua port

Managua, (AFP, AP, Reuters). - The port of Corinto, on Nicaragua's Pacific coast, came under air attack early yesterday, the Defence Ministry announced here.

First reports said a fuel depot in the port had been hit, but there were no immediate reports of casualties, nor details on the number or type of aircraft involved in the attack.

Corinto is 109 miles northwest of the capital. The aircraft appeared to come from neighbouring Honduras, a spokesman said.

On Thursday two light aircraft of an anti-Sandinista guerrilla organization attacked Managua and its airport.

Earlier, oil tanks and a refinery at Puerto Sandino had been sabotaged. Nicaragua has put its air defences on maximum alert. Today more than ever we must be on the alert against counter-revolutionary attacks," said Humberto Ortega, Defence Minister.

Anti-aircraft units throughout the country and air force headquarters were ready to go into action. In another incident on Thursday, Honduran aircraft and three "venomous" attack on two Sandinista Navy patrol boats off the Caribbean coast, the Foreign Ministry said.

The Honduran ships illegally entered Nicaraguan waters to launch a surprise attack off the Esmeraldas lagoon when the two Nicaraguan patrol boats were chasing a Honduran "pirate" fishing boat, the ministry said.

PANAMA CITY: Thursday's attack on Managua represents a



Father d'Escoto: Target for rebel air attack

were wounded, but there were no deaths except the pilots.

The dead men, Sabesin Muller and Agustin Roman, were Miskito Indians from Nicaragua's Caribbean coast. The ARDE communiqué described them as "officials of the Sandinista Air Force" who "were incorporated in our struggle for liberation".

The attack was aimed at "military installations and planes" and at "the centre of Soviet communications" in a Managua suburb.

Nicaraguan officials reported that the aircraft attempted to hit, but missed, the house of Father Miguel d'Escoto, the Foreign Minister.

According to Costa Rican and anti-Sandinista sources, the two Cessnas were part of Arde's fleet of about eight aircraft which, for several months, have been daily flying arms and personnel from Pavas, the small-aircraft airport outside San José.

An ARDE source said the two Cessnas left Pavas last Friday and flew to the small Nicaraguan town of San Juan del Sur, near the Costa Rican border.

There the pilots "picked up what they needed", presumably the 500lb of industrial explosives which Nicaragua says was used in the attack. They flew out on their mission early on Thursday morning.

Señor Pastora claims to have gained control of San Juan del Sur in his latest offensive, launched about 10 days ago.

Since ARDE began its guerrilla campaign on May 1, it has been promising attacks against Managua and other cities. Until now its rather ineffectual activities have

been concentrated in the isolated, sparsely-populated border region.

If Father d'Escoto was a target in Thursday's attack, ARDE's intelligence was extremely poor. The Nicaraguan minister is here in Panama, attending a well-publicized meeting of the Contadora Group, which is attempting to negotiate peaceful solutions to conflicts in the region.

He said the attack was a "criminal act, condemnable from every perspective". However, he blamed the US and not ARDE or Costa Rica.

The attack "only served to accentuate the need to go ahead seriously with the process of looking for peace through dialogue and negotiations".

TEGUCIGALPA: Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, has urged tighter military cooperation among conservative states in Central America to fight left-wing insurgents (Reuters reports).

He made the call at the end of a three-nation tour of Central America, the first by a US Defence Secretary, before returning to Washington.

GUATEMALA CITY: The Guatemalan Government yesterday denied that the decaying body of a pregnant woman found on Thursday night in a city suburb is that of Señora Martha Rios, sister of the former president, General Efraín Ríos Montt (AFP reports).

Señora Rios was kidnapped, apparently by anti-government guerrillas, on June 29. The group demanded publication of a manifesto but their demand was rejected by the Government.



Sea trials: Indian cosmonauts Rakesh Sharma (left) and Ravish Malhotra have finished training at the Yuri Gagarin centre with Soviet colleagues in preparation for a planned joint space flight.

Zia's first hint of an earlier election

Karachi (Reuters) - General Zia, Pakistan's military ruler, has hinted he might compromise with the opposition and call general elections earlier than the promised March, 1985, date.

In the first hint of a policy shift President Zia, speaking in the Punjab capital of Lahore on Thursday night, said elections could be held much earlier, but did not give a date.

Opposition sources said General Zia seemed to be trying to undermine the civil disobedience campaign launched two days after he announced his controversial election plan on August 12, by appearing responsive to demands for a quicker return to civilian rule.

But a radical departure could make him appear weak and might even encourage more protests, they said.

In an earlier speech in Jacobabad in Sind Province, General Zia repeated his view that Western democracy was not suitable for Pakistan and said he wanted Islamic democracy. Islam was built on the concept of a unified Muslim nation and therefore did not allow opposition parties, he said.

Meanwhile the first serious clash in Lahore broke out between protesters and police on Thursday night when a large crowd threw rocks at two tanks.

The sources said police seized several hundred copies of an appeal issued by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) two weeks ago in the name of its chairman, Mrs Musrat Bhutto, widow of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Chile's opposition on the streets

Police kick and club Santiago detainees

Santiago (AFP, AP). - Two people were killed, more than 40 injured and 235 arrested in Chile on Thursday in the fifth national day of protest against the military regime, officials said here.

A policeman killed a woman street vendor, apparently accidentally, in Valparaiso, when in a car, believed to be riot police, shot a young man in the Victoria neighbourhood of this capital.

In the slums on Santiago's outskirts, demonstrators built street barricades, lit fires, and chanted slogans against President Augusto Pinochet.

People "rattled" cooking pots and sounded tin whistles throughout the capital last night, as opposition leaders had requested.

Yet Señor Sergio Onofre Jarpa, the Interior Minister, said "the situation was normal" because "the people needed Government appeals and there were fewer fires and barricades".

than during the previous four protest days since last May.

A carnival atmosphere prevailed in the troubled neighbourhoods, except when police swept through firing tear gas and occasionally bullets. The police were generally more restrained than in the protest last month, when 31 civilians were killed.

However, reporters saw scores of prisoners clubbed and kicked on the floor of police buses after political opposition figures led 1,000 marchers to a peaceful sit-in at a city square.

"We gathered in a public place for a simple act of peaceful protest; to sit in a plaza, and we were mistreated by security forces that acted in a most brutal way," said Señor Gabriel Valdés, president of the five-party opposition Democratic Alliance, who was tear-gassed and doused with a police water cannon.

Debts threaten Pinochet after decade in power

From Florencia Vargas, Santiago

The history of the Chilean military regime, which completes 10 years in power tomorrow, is fundamentally the story of the personal ambition of one man, General Augusto Pinochet. It was he who inspired the 1973 coup with the intention of forming a rotating government of the commanders of the four branches of the armed forces, which would then return power to civilians in a period of no less than four years.

But from December 1974, when General Pinochet decided to get himself elected President of the Republic, a personal and authoritarian Government was formed, with the active and efficient participation of the intelligence services which accused and jailed, exiled or relegated, whatever dissident voice was heard.

The military regime, helped by the doctrine of national security and an ultra-liberal economic model, shut Parliament, outlawed political parties, pulverized labour unions and professional organizations, stimulated private business which borrowed heavily, and completely opened the country to foreign investment.

By September 11, 1980, the Pinochet regime was at the height of power. Two thirds of the electorate approved a new constitution giving General Pinochet powers never before enjoyed by a Chilean president.

The new constitution also extended his term in office until 1989, at which time he could, however, be re-elected.

This development coincided with the economic boom which the regime's supporters began to call "the Chilean miracle" and whose slogan became: "Today all is well. Tomorrow will be better."

All types of imported goods were enjoyed by the middle classes. Chilean supermarkets were filled with milk from Holland, French cheeses and wine, colour televisions, clothes

from Brazil, toys and games from Taiwan and Japanese motor-cars.

But the miracle tore itself apart. By the end of 1982, more than one million people were unemployed. Competition with imported goods finished industry at home. The peso was devalued and the accumulated debts from boom borrowing consequently doubled in value. Business started to go bankrupt.

Today the country owes \$21,000m (£14,000m) to international banks, according to official figures, and the real amount could be as high as \$30,000m. This makes Chile the largest per capita world debtor.

The economic crisis of late 1982 quickly became political. The opposition began to build its forces, to demand elections and to organize the protests which began in May this year demanding President Pinochet's resignation.

The outlawed Communist Party, after 10 years of clandestine work, slowly began to appear publicly. The protests of May and June in upper-class neighbourhoods of Santiago spread to working class areas in July and August, and in September the Communists, socialists and Revolutionary Left parties took over from the centre-right the organization of the protests.

This shift pushed the Christian Democrats and the right to accept the dialogue offered with Señor Onofre Jarpa, the Interior Minister, in hopes of obtaining by less radical means quicker progress toward democracy.

The Government, while refusing to agree that General Pinochet should resign, did give in to minor opposition demands and allowed the slow return of exiles and democratic politicians from abroad.

Nevertheless, the political opening seems to have come too late. The expectations of the opposition are no longer just a face-lift for the dictatorship. They hope for its end.

Western press pilloried

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

The Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa launched a scathing attack on European press coverage of Latin America when he addressed an international journalists' conference this week in Cartagena, Colombia.

In particular, he singled out The Times, Le Monde and the Spanish newspaper El País in his charges that the Western media treats Latin America in negative and distorted terms, frequently publishes material about it without verifying the facts, and is inherently unsympathetic to the region's struggle for democracy. "They view us as barbarians

and as uncivilized, basically inept for the establishment of real democracy."

"It seems that what is good for the Western democracies - an open society - is not good for Latin America, in which it is cheerfully presumed that the best for us would be revolution, concentration camps and alignment with the Soviet Union."

As a result, Señor Vargas Llosa said, Latin America's fight for freedom would have to be waged not only against the forces of imperialism and totalitarianism, but also against the "enmity and hostility of many Western democracies".

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THE ARTS

The film of Joe Papp's Broadway Production of The Pirates of Penzance opened in London this week...

Underneath the satin shorts - a Savoyard rocker

Few people would have suspected that, under Linda Ronstadt's satin shorts and roller skates, her sex-kitten manner and big belting voice, there lurked a sweet, dimpled pure soprano Mabel...

He called her in Los Angeles (at first getting her then boyfriend, the Governor of California, Jerry Brown, on the phone)...

Ronstadt was on the plane to New York the next day. "I wanted to do something else", she says in a voice halfway between a bark and a cling...

The success of the Papp production, directed by Wilford Leach, and Ronstadt's personal triumph are old history...



Linda Ronstadt: using vocal muscles she hadn't used for years

most of Henry James while waiting around between shots. I love Henry James because he always notices the light...

It was a musical family. Her father, who still runs the family hardware business, sang on his own radio show when he was younger...

singer", she recalls. When she was 18 she went to California where, with a folk group called the Stone Poneys, she had her first success...

Pirates - film and theatre - made for minimum wages, was a financial loss for her but she remained resolutely loyal to the production...

"I want to do everything I can to help the film," she said. "I love it. It's so much fun and we're so proud of it..."

Television Boots and saddled

A footballer who can be things other than over the moon or choked, and who doesn't spit all the time, is something unusual...

of course from the terrace. Things could go anywhere from this instalment as Mr Barstow has thrown in with possibilities...

As it turned out the publican had a heart condition and we will not know until next week whether he has survived to make critical comments again...

Altogether it should lift Friday nights, and may provide another reason for staying away from the fractious game on Saturday...

WEEKEND CHOICE

Granada Television's All for Love, Mark 2, rocketed shakily off the launching pad last Sunday night with Jean Simmons and Ian Carmichael losing flash...

independent television itself. Arthur Hopcraft's four-part adaptation of Dickens's Hard Times (tomorrow, Channel 4, 9.30pm) is the sort of second-showing that gives repeats a good name...

Also recommended: Pinchas Zukerman's Prom performance of Beethoven's Violin Concerto, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra (tomorrow, BBC 1, 10pm)...

Dennis Hackett



Collette Barker (TTV, 10pm)

Proms (tonight, Radio 3, 8.50pm); a radio version of that elegant Ealing mass-murder film Kind Hearts and Coronets (tonight, Radio 4, 8.30pm)...

Peter Davalle

Radio Well hit, sirs

"A fairly typical day", said the billings to A Day in the Life of Radio 4 (Radio 4, September 3, producer, David Perry) and it spoke as little as gospel truth...

of milky reverence which is the hallmark of the original. So it went on throughout the day. It was a two-edged distinction to be included, and not all the network's stalwarts earned or suffered it...

his own work and backed it with sounds of the native heat, namely Launceston. Not everybody likes the Briscoe manner - which may account for problems it faced making it to the air...

David Wade

Edinburgh Festival Fennimore and Gerda King's Theatre

In their summer season at home, the Opera Theatre of St Louis brought Frank Corsaro's production of Delius's Margot to the United States. Now, in the second of their two operas for Edinburgh, Mr Corsaro continues his fervent Delian advocacy...

Delius has taken two episodes from the novel Niels Lyhne and spread out their simple story in 11 'pictures': two friends, Niels and Erik fall in love with the same woman, Fennimore, she marries Erik; he succumbs feebly to emotional and artistic disillusionment; Niels takes over as the true friend Erik dies drunk; Fennimore succumbs to remorse and Niels goes off and finds a new spring love in Gerda.

What is more, the obsession with the photographic reinforces the work's underlying ambience. The first tableau, significantly, shows a slide show in progress; Erik's art is tied to the case; this is a world where nostalgia, commemoration, smother the present, where joy flies on the wings of time...



David Bankston, Kathryn Bouley and Stephen Dickson in Fennimore and Gerda

Rock John Hiatt Half Moon, Putney

John Hiatt is perhaps best known as the writer and guitarist who helped revitalize Ry Cooder's approach to live performance two years ago. He is also an accomplished artist in his own right, one who learnt his craft the hard way as a struggling word-smith on Nashville's notorious Music Alley.

This one-off London show gave an enjoyable if at times peculiar insight into Hiatt's various styles. Playing solo, accompanied by his own guitar, piano and bass, Hiatt offered a low-key entertainment that veered from pleasant country ballads, blues and soul to some radically rearranged versions of his idiosyncratic pop songs.

Stevie Ray Vaughan The Venue

The recent success of Texan guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan has been one of the summer's more pleasant surprises. At a time when the charts are full of morbid pop songs and hideously insipid soul records it is something of a shock to the central nervous system to be assailed by such a raucous white blues and rock group again.

Max Bell

player on Let's Dance and is now doing what he's best at, which is playing a fusion of his own material, styled after the manner of T Bone Walker, Albert Collins and Albert King, and that of Jim Hendrix. Of course, there is nothing particularly original in that, but Vaughan makes no pretence at hiding his roots. He flashes around the stage looking like a Red Indian version of Charles Bronson, pumping out a stream of aggressive bar room blues that he has perfected in a hundred clubs between Austin and Galveston.

Advertisement for Max Bell featuring a large image of him playing guitar and text: 'BRITAIN'S BIGGEST KILLER CLAIMS 406 VICTIMS EVERY DAY.' Below the image is text about the British Heart Foundation's research and a call to action to help fight Britain's biggest killer.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE September 9: The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Cambridge Training Workshop, Hagmell Road, and the Cambridge Project Office, Main Street, Cambridge, Lanarkshire.

Vicount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport-London this morning upon the arrival of the President of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma and Madame San Yo' an welcomed their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Thomas Allen, 39; Major-General Sir Maurice Dows, 84; the Earl of Enniskillen, 65; Sir William Fellowes, 84; Miss Judy Gasson, 35; Professor C. H. M. J. Gilles, 62; Mr David Hamilton, 44; Sir Harry Hardy, 87; Mr Niall Macdonnell, QC, 67; Mr Norman Morris, 52; Mr Justice Nolan, 55; Lord O'Neill of the Maine, 69; Mr Arnold Palmer, 54; General Sir Antony Read, 70; Dame Betty Ridley, 74; Sir Edward Sayer, 81; Sir Norman Skelhorn, QC, 74; Sir Rupert Speir, 73; Miss Gwen Watford, 56; Professor Carol Weight, 75; Sir Graham Wilson, 68.

Latest wills

Sir Gerald Allen Cressy of Eastbourne, East Sussex, Governor of Malta from 1949-1954 and Governor of the Gold Coast from 1947-1949, left estate valued at £73,375 net. Mr Peter Wayne Middlebrook of Brayton, Selby, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £711,278 net.

Fortcoming marriages

Mr P. M. Bradford and Miss S. G. Tully The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. M. N. Bradford, of Cambridge, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. M. Tully, of New Delhi, and London.

Marriages

Mr C. J. Henderson and Miss A. Sampaio Vitor The marriage took place on July 30, 1983, in Rio de Janeiro, between Charles James Henderson, son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Alexander Henderson, and Miss Alicia Sampaio Vitor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hery Sampaio Vitor.

Wanted: a modern medievalism

Revisiting Rome recently, I was reminded by two places of interest of a significant incident in the past: the Milvian Bridge, at the gap in the hills surrounding the city where the Tiber forces its way through, and the ancient Sacred Way leading from the Arch of Titus to the Capitol.

OBITUARY SIR GILBERT NICHOLETTS Varied RAF SERVICE

Air Marshal Sir Gilbert Nicholetts, KBE, CB, AFC, who was AOC Malta and Deputy C-in-C (Air), Allied Forces, Mediterranean from early 1956 to late 1957, and then Inspector-General, RAF, for 18 months, died on September 9. He was 80.

Gilbert Edward Nicholetts, the son of E. C. Nicholetts, was born on November 9, 1902. He was originally a naval cadet, and was one of the few officers who passed through the colleges at Osborne, Dartmouth, Keyham and Cranwell as well as the staff college.

AIR COMMODORE W. S. GARDNER

Air Commodore William Steven Gardner, CB, OBE, DFC, AFC, who was Provost Marshal, RAF, from 1960 to 1963, died on September 7 at the age of 73.

MR G. A. OSBON

Those concerned with the history of 19th century warships will be sad to hear of the death on August 22 of George Osbon, formerly of the National Maritime Museum.

Priests call for joint approach to evangelism

From Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent Birmingham Representatives of the Roman Catholic clergy in England and Wales declared yesterday that their evangelization of the country should be done in partnership with other churches.

Another resolution declared that evangelization could be done only in partnership with the laity, and was not the exclusive preserve of the clergy.

Cash appeal made for Manx excavation

A fund raising drive will be started next month to raise £100,000 to continue the excavation of the Viking Royal Palace of St Patrick's Isle, at Peel in the Isle of Man, into a third season.

University news

Mr David Brook, head of media services at the Polytechnic of Wales, has been appointed head of the Leeds University audio visual service.

Latest appointments

Mr Angus Stirling is to be director-general of the National Trust.



Mr Angus Stirling, National Trust head.



Figures from the world of ballet and the theatre joined family and friends yesterday to pay their respects to John Gilpin the former ballet dancer, who died of a heart attack on Monday, aged 53. Two months ago he married Princess Antoinette, the older sister of Prince Rainier of Monaco.

Piping Clasp tunes back from oblivion

The Highland Society of London's Gold Medal, which has been awarded as the first prize at the Northern Meeting Piping Competitions annually since 1859, has been won this year by Pipe Major Gavin Stoddart, a gold medalist in 1981, who played the "Lament for the Only Son".

Services tomorrow: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

- ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LONDON: Rev R. G. Stammers, 11.30. St Paul's Cathedral, 11.30. St Martin-in-the-Fields, 11.30.

Bryanston School

Autumn Term begins today. Mr T. D. Whare takes up his appointment as headmaster.

Cranleigh School

Michaelmas Term begins tomorrow with 492 boys and 77 girls at the senior school and 169 boys at the preparatory school.

Caterham School

Autumn Term begins on September 7. Mr S. F. Hayes has taken over as Housemaster of Harestone D.

Rugby School

Advent Term started on Thursday, September 8. C. J. R. Smith is head of school.

Woodhouse Grove School

Term began on September 9 with 510 pupils at the school. N. A. English is head of school.

Science report Colliding beams may solve Schrodinger Equation

By Bill Johnston Electronics Correspondent Scientists in the United States, Britain and France are collaborating on a low-energy physics experiment which involves colliding electron and hydrogen beams.

£1,000 Premium Bond prizewinners

Table listing the names and addresses of £1,000 Premium Bond prizewinners for the September draw.

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4 Values: Double glazing; Seeing through the sales talk; Shopfront: Bags and nighties; In the Garden: Laying a lawn

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Playing with fire, tampering with history

In the heart of rural Yorkshire the wargamers gather to reenact Waterloo. Can Bonaparte beat the British, or will Wellington win again? Peter Waymark reports

Napoleon's last bid for glory has got off to a cracking start. The British forces under the Duke of Wellington, having landed at Ostend and Antwerp and advanced towards Paris, have been engaged near Mons and repulsed. Wellington has been forced back to Brussels.

Even more heartening for the French, the Prussian army coming down from Namur has been routed with appalling casualties. The latest estimates are 15,000 dead and the Prussians are no longer a significant force in the campaign. As Napoleon sits to write his despatches he can afford a smile of satisfaction.

But he knows that he still has a formidable task. The Russians are advancing from the east and even if the French beat them, which seems unlikely, there are still the Austrians. Meanwhile, Wellington is busy reorganizing his forces to the north.

The only hope is to pick off the enemy forces one by one. If the Russians can be conquered, the Austrians may not have the stomach to go on. But Napoleon, interviewed later by our correspondent, is gloomy: "We could have won, given the right circumstances, but it looks like a lost cause now."

Back in Brussels, for the moment remote from the action, the Duke of Wellington is quietly confident of an allied victory. Though a weak Anglo-Dutch division is being badly mauled by three divisions of the French Imperial Guard, the engagement is being timed for the slow-moving Russians to advance. The decisive battle is about to be joined near Soissons. On the one side the French, on the other the Russians and the Anglo-Dutch, with the Austrians coming up in the rear. It looks as if Wellington and his men will hardly be needed.

As most schoolboys know, it did not happen like this. In the real battle of June 1815, Wellington, with not inconsiderable help from the Prussians, was the hero of the allied victory and the name which everyone remembers is not Soissons but Waterloo.

What we are witnessing is a 1983 recreation of the Napoleonic swansong, played by wargamers. For these enthusiasts fighting a battle means poring over special soldiers one inch high, deployed on a terrain of chipboard painted green and brown to look like countryside, with Polyfilla roads and rubberized horse-hair trees.

They are playing on what is claimed to be the biggest

He started with a box of plastic Airfix figures and then went on to design his own. His sculptures were taken by a company in Huddersfield and have been sold around the world. Four years ago he started wargames holidays and now they are his full-time occupation. For the past 14 years he has been in the happy position of being able to earn a living from his hobby.

The wargamers who come to The Enchanted Cottage (they stay at a hotel in Filey and commute) are usually male. They include bank managers, barristers and estate agents, and have ranged in age from a lad of 12 to a former Luftwaffe pilot in his early seventies.

The Napoleonic campaigns are the most popular, largely due to the fascination of Napoleon himself. The American Civil War comes next (Gilder staged the

Hard lessons to learn at Potsdam

battle of Gettysburg played by Edward Woodward and adversary in the film of Callan; then the Second World War, with the D-Day action generally considered to provide the best game; and finally the ancients - Greeks, Romans, Persians, Egyptians.

The games start from the actual troop deployment and proceed according to a detailed book of rules devised by Gilder. The rules for the Napoleonic battles run to 62 pages but, you are assured, are not nearly as complicated as they look. Depending, largely, on the skill of the players, history can be rewritten. In a wargame, it is quite possible for Napoleon to win the

Infantry, cavalry and artillery moves according to the book; their progress measured with a ruler. On Gilder's terrain, the ground scale is five to 100 yards, and one figure stands for 20 men. Casualties are inflicted, prisoners are taken and medals awarded for gallantry, even such intangibles as morale can be built in.

The rules set out a series of probabilities, based on the best available records. They lay down, for instance, that an attack by a certain number and type of troops, using particular weapons, will, on average, result in X number of casualties. But to make the game more interesting and to introduce an element of chance, dice are thrown to establish whether, on this occasion, casualties were average (signified by a throw of three or four), or greater (five or six) or less (one or two). Dice are also used to work out the size of morale, a fine tuning of such elements as numbers of casualties, proximity of the enemy and amount of cover.

The simulation of battles is probably as old as warfare itself and is the basis of one of the most enduring records. They lay down, for instance, that an attack by a certain number and type of troops, using particular weapons, will, on average, result in X number of casualties. But to make the game more interesting and to introduce an element of chance, dice are thrown to establish whether, on this occasion, casualties were average (signified by a throw of three or four), or greater (five or six) or less (one or two). Dice are also used to work out the size of morale, a fine tuning of such elements as numbers of casualties, proximity of the enemy and amount of cover.

Smarter from these reverses, the Prussian officers sat down in their field canteen in Potsdam and tried to work out where they had gone wrong. They did so by means of the *Kriegsspiel*, the direct German translation of "wargame", setting out blocks of wood on tables of sand.

The *Kriegsspiel* became a serious aid to military training in the Prussian army and as officers left the service, they took the principles with them and played for fun. This, in turn, gave a boost to the manufacture of German toy soldiers, acknowledged to be the best in the world.

In Britain the hobby was stimulated by two famous literary figures. During the early 1880s, while co-authoring *Deeds, Robert Louis Stevenson played out battles using toy soldiers, a map chalked on an attic floor, with his stepson, Lloyd Osborne, who later described the game in a magazine article.*

Then in 1913 H. G. Wells published a book called *Little Wars* and subtitled "a game for boys from 12 years of age to 150 and for that more intelligent sort of girls who like boys' games and books". It was one of the first attempts in English to lay down coherent rules for wargaming. Wells based his game on colonial warfare, with mock cannon fire.

The revelation against war after the 1914-18 conflict put the hobby back for a time and it took the Second World War to encourage a revival. In the United States wargaming was a much sturdier activity than it has since become. As Gilder puts it: "If you played with toy soldiers, it was not something you talked to your neighbour about." To get a game with Featherstone, he travelled all the way from Lincolnshire to Southampton.



In the heat of battle: Wargamers on the boards of Folton. Photographs by Brian Harris

OFF TO WAR
National Wargames Championships: This annual event, the eighteenth, takes place next weekend in Nottingham. There will be 88 players, one of whom will emerge as the "champion of champions". The periods covered are ancient, medieval, sixteenth-century, Napoleonic, American Civil War, Second World War and modern. Victoria Leisure Centre, Nottingham (0602 86884). Sat and Sun, 10am-5pm. Adults £1, children, students and pensioners 50p; two-day ticket £1.20.
Armageddon 83: A military fair, featuring wargames from ancient Egypt to the present day; displays of military models, uniforms and equipment; books, models and militaria for sale; and a chance to take part in a Western shoot-out. Hexagon, Reading (0734 59191). Oct 1 and 2, 10.30am-5pm. Adults £1, children, students, pensioners 60p (£1.60 and £1 for the two days).
Games Day: The emphasis is on role-playing games, though the board and figure variety are also represented, and the idea is to encourage spectators to take part. Royal Horticultural Society New Hall, Greycoat Street, London SW1. Nov 4, 10.30am-6pm and Nov 5, 10am-5pm. Admission £1.25 per day. Organized by Games Workshop (741 3445).
Holidays: Peter Gilder, The Wargames Holiday Centre, The Enchanted Cottage, Felkton, Scarborough (0723 851052). Shops: Games Centre, 22 Oxford Street, London W1. Branches at 141 New Street, Birmingham; 52/53 Western Road, Brighton; 31 Lister Gate, Nottingham. Games Workshop, 1 Bazilow Road, London W6. Branches at Unit 57, West Court Shopping Centre, Birmingham; 143 Marsden Way, Arndale Centre, Manchester; 41a Broadwalk, Broadmarsh Centre, Nottingham.
Magazines: Military Modelling and Miniature Wargames concentrate on modelling and figure games; White Dwarf and Imagine cater mainly for role-playing enthusiasts. Board games are covered by the American Strategy and Tactics.

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The classic stretch-knit sweatshirt originated in the U.S.A. as a comfortable easy-fit top for sports and leisure activities. The design, crew-neck with deep raglan sleeves and stretch-knit neck cuffs and hem, makes it a useful multi-purpose garment that offers a practical alternative to traditional pullovers and sweaters for casual and holiday wear.
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Water work: Gambian girls carry buckets from the well; visitors bask on near-deserted white sand

Robin Laurance unwinds in The Gambia, where you get your money back if the sun doesn't shine

Back to the roots in a peanut republic

From our vantage point on the upper deck of the Barra ferry, there seemed little doubt that the very next peanut would sink the lighter. But as we looked on to the little jetty, still the nuts scurried and jumped along the conveyor belt and spewed out from the funnel into the overlaid vessel. And still the lighter stayed afloat.

December and April that one travel company even offers its customers a refund if the sun should ever fail to appear. (One hotel assistant manager swears that a Scottish family took it in turns to stay awake during the afternoon siesta just in case a cloud came over.)

modesty when venturing into town. The mullahs - for Islam had stood firm against the onslaught of missionary zeal that modestly now prevails in town and bare breasts are confined to boat pools and adjacent beaches.

storey homes of mud bricks and straw roofs. If the lights worked - there is no electricity yet - they would, claim the villagers, protect their chickens from the night-time raids of the hyenas. A new mosque has progressed no further than its foundations. Life expectancy in the Gambia is less than 50 and few villagers believe there will ever be a new mosque for them to worship in.

Advertisement for 'Bargain Flights to AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND'. It lists flight prices for various routes (Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Auckland) and includes contact information for P&O Holidays.

And what makes The Gambia even more attractive as a destination for winter sunshine is its location in the same time zone as Britain, which means the six-hour direct flight which leaves London after breakfast delivers you in time for tea with only the mildest ill-effects.

But while the Europeans began slowly to focus their attention on this new-found holiday location, it was left to a black American to thrust The Gambia into the public eye. With nothing better to do one wet afternoon, a one-time constabulary officer called Alex Haley set about tracing his family tree. He found his roots 12 years later on the banks of the Gambia river and proceeded to glue millions of television viewers to their sets for the Roots series.

Back at the hotel, we ate peanut stew. And, as we ate, we were treated to the delicate colonial strains of the kora, thumb-picked expertly by the most dignified and graceful of minstrels. And here too in this calm and noble face there was the suggestion of a gentle smile.

Advertisement for 'P&O Down Under Club' featuring a map of Australia and New Zealand and return flight prices from £582.

It was the Scandinavians who first put The Gambia on the tourist map - and very nearly wiped it straight off again. The first of the packaged sun-seekers unwrapped themselves completely on the beaches and made only the barest concessions to

Down at the crossroads young boys were scraping the monkey bread from the fruit of the baobab trees. And at the village they call Albrida, the ancient trading station that once bustled with merchant adventurers, the men were putting the finishing touches to a new dug-out that would supplement the village fishing fleet. Fish from the morning's catch was already drying in the sun. Tonight, as most nights, the villagers would eat their fish with a little rice.

Advertisement for 'Return flights to Australia from £582' with a coupon for booking. It includes contact details for P&O Holidays and a list of agents.

British Caledonian have regular scheduled non-stop flights to Banjul from London Gatwick. Excursion fare (from Sept 16) is £718 (minimum stay in Africa 19 days).

Advertisement for 'Superb Skiing - and more!' featuring a map of the Pyrenees region and details about Swiss Ski Service, including flight information and contact details.

Best-value tickets to the antipodes Avoiding Apex's pernicious peak



Travellers heading Down Under this autumn will be paying more than before for flights. Although the number of passengers dropped by a third last year, fares were raised a few months ago and a further increase is planned for November.

People going to Australasia can choose from a wide range of airlines with all sorts of fare extras. London-based Reho Travel, for example, provides free insurance and taxi rides to Gatwick airport. The P & O Down Under Club offers rail travel to London, a five-piece set of luggage and stopover holidays.

The cheapest fares without the giveaways are offered by Air India. Agents are selling return tickets to Perth and Sydney at all-year-round prices of £715 and £725 respectively. You can book when you want and stopovers (at £25 a time) are allowed in Bombay, Delhi, Singapore, Perth.

The most popular routing via the USA is offered by Reho Travel. You fly to New York, Chicago or Los Angeles then connect with Continental Airlines through to Sydney or Melbourne. Stopovers (some at extra cost) are allowed in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Fiji and Auckland. Typical return fares range from £820 to £940.

You can also travel via Canada at similar fares. The same price takes you from London or other airports to Amsterdam where you connect with the Canadian airline CP Air through to Sydney. Stopovers are possible in Amsterdam, Toronto, Vancouver, Honolulu and Fiji.

APEX: Same seasons as for Australia. Book one month in advance. Minimum stay 21 days, maximum six months. One overnight stop allowed in each direction.

Excursions: Book at any time. Minimum stay 21 days, maximum one year. One stopover allowed for up to seven days in each direction at Singapore, Los Angeles or Tokyo. Costs a little more than APEX but has a common-rated price to Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Airlines at a 6 per cent discount on the APEX fare. Flights by Malaysia Airlines and Thai are discounted by 4 per cent. Fares for the others are pegged at the same prices that BA and Qantas charge. In all cases APEX booking conditions apply.

Now that agents cannot compete on price they are enticing travellers with all sorts of fare extras. London-based Reho Travel, for example, provides free insurance and taxi rides to Gatwick airport. The P & O Down Under Club offers rail travel to London, a five-piece set of luggage and stopover holidays.

The cheapest fares without the giveaways are offered by Air India. Agents are selling return tickets to Perth and Sydney at all-year-round prices of £715 and £725 respectively. You can book when you want and stopovers (at £25 a time) are allowed in Bombay, Delhi, Singapore, Perth.

The most popular routing via the USA is offered by Reho Travel. You fly to New York, Chicago or Los Angeles then connect with Continental Airlines through to Sydney or Melbourne. Stopovers (some at extra cost) are allowed in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Fiji and Auckland. Typical return fares range from £820 to £940.

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The same routes over North America are available with Continental and CP Air with the same stopover possibilities but prices are higher. Many agents sell "consolidation" fares on Air New Zealand's direct flights, again across the Pacific. These consolidation rates work out at about 12 per cent less than the normal APEX price.

Discounted fares available with Singapore Airlines are even cheaper. A peak season return costs almost £200 less than the equivalent APEX fare of £1056. Some agents are able to sell special fares with Qantas. Although these are no cheaper than APEX you can make stopovers in Singapore and Sydney - ideal if you have relatives in both countries. The same price allows travel to Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch and it is possible to travel to one city and return from another.

Round-the-world option As the straight out-and-back fares become more expensive people are increasingly turning to round-the-world (RTW) tickets. RTW fares represent one of today's best air travel buys. Provided you meet a few simple conditions an RTW ticket enables you to:

- Take a world tour for the same price or less than the peak season APEX return.
Visit both Australia and New Zealand at no extra cost.
Enjoy the luxury of first-class travel for almost half-price.

RTW tickets are available for both first and economy class. The first class tickets are available with combinations of airlines. For example, Cathay Pacific teams up with Pan Am to offer a world trip costing £2394. Another ticket with British Caledonian in combination with the French airline UTA is even cheaper at £1953. Bear in mind that the normal first class fare for this journey is almost £4000.

There are several economy class RTW fares on the market. An Air New Zealand/British Airways ticket costs £1150 but limits you to seven stopovers. Unlimited stopover tickets are available Qantas/TWA at £1100 (does not include New Zealand) and BCal/UTA at £1150.

Even better value are those RTW fares which specialist agents create themselves. For £925 Reho offer a fixed itinerary covering London - Hongkong - Sydney - Auckland - Honolulu - Los Angeles - London. A more ambitious route is on offer from Asia Pacific Travel for £1089.

Alex McWhirter

Agents: Reho Travel 01 405 8956, P&O Down Under Club 01 247 1611, Asia Pacific 01 928 5511, Transoceanic 01 337 9631, Columbus Travel 01 638 1101, Australvel 0272 24471. The Australian Family Reunion Club is at PO Box 155, Cromwell Road, London SW7 8ZT (021 4922).

Advertisement for 'A Very Different Spain' featuring a map of Spain and details about MUNDI COLOR HOLIDAYS, including contact information and a list of agents.

Large advertisement for 'Travel the foothills of the Pyrenees' and 'If you think you know Spain, think again.' It includes a map of the Pyrenees region, descriptions of the landscape, and contact details for CUNARD COUNTRESS.

Advertisement for 'It's high time you came to Austria.' It features a map of Austria, descriptions of the scenery and culture, and contact information for Austrian Airlines and CUNARD COUNTRESS.

Handwritten text at the bottom of the page: 'مركز من راصل'.

TRAVEL/2

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Following, almost, in the footsteps of Hilaire Belloc (left), Richard Wilson set out to walk the 140 miles from Siena to Rome. But he had not bargained for the wayside attractions

Trek through Tuscany

David Hart



monastery, but we went back into the rain to seek more congenial lodgings. We dripped into the Albergo Roma at Buonconvento where we washed and dried and bathed and slept and had a couple of beers...

Hotel Giglio at Montalcino, and I recall that we got through quite a lot of it. You have to be careful, though. Booze accelerates dehydration and you need to drink tubfuls of water if you are hiking any distance in the heat...

No book can exaggerate the splendour of the monastery of Monte Oliveto Maggiore. The walled cloisters are a joy and the refectory must be high on the list of the world's most beautiful rooms...

Travel notes: The Path to Rome by Hilaire Belloc (Allen & Unwin, £4.95). A Penguin edition is planned for publication in June 1984.

The smile of welcome was almost irresistible, but no, we were firm and suddenly he realized that we meant it and he had refused his hospitality.

Winning cards which deal in the past

Interest in the humble postcard has had an enthusiastic revival in the last few years. In Edwardian England most families had a postcard album. You could measure a family's status by the postcards it received...



Wish you were here: On the prom in the 1930s



WELL, HE LOOKS A BIT BIG, BUT HE'LL JUST ABOUT MAKE A MEAL FOR THE THREE OF US

Having a lovely war: Donald McGill helps to breed the British bulldog spirit in 1914. national mood, and the end of the use of German printers (much favoured for their superior quality before 1914) all contributed to the virtual demise of the hobby.



Greetings from Kibbartz: West London in 1909



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EATING OUT

Easy on the pocket, good for the sole

The opening of the oyster season turns our attentions towards the sea. This week we look at two contrasting fish restaurants, while next week oyster bars themselves will come under scrutiny.

able oyster-bar. Sawdust on the floor and a range of tasteless piscine pastries help to provide atmosphere, though it can be a little stark at night until they dim the lights.

SEA-SHORE OF HAMPSTEAD 309 Finchley Road, London NW3 (262 2000) Open: Noon-2pm and 5pm-11pm Mon-Sat

that if the fish and chips are good enough people are prepared to eat them sitting down on plates rather than standing up out of newspapers. Hence the basement restaurant here for those wishing to make an occasion of their meal.

DRINK

Supergrape with a perplexing pedigree

If connoisseurs of wine ran a competition to find the world's most versatile variety of grape, America's chameleon-like Zinfandel would surely run out an easy winner. It produces a vast number of wines, from the light, fruity Beaujolais type right through to the big, black gutsy variety, as well as whites and roses.



in their East Coast greenhouses at least 30 years before Count Haraszthy ever got to America and it was he who sent it across the country to California.

chances of the Zinfandel being the Primitivo are fairly slim. The characteristic that most California Zinfandels do seem to share is what the Americans describe as a "berry fruit flavor".

Zinfandel, a deliciously rich wine made from 60-year-old vines (Windrush Wines, The Barracks, Cecilia Hill Gloucester, Gloucestershire, £6.64). If you like the sound of those sweet, late-harvest Zinfandels then do try the 1974 Mayacamas Late Harvest Zinfandel that tastes just like a young port. It costs £16.50, a reflection of its alcohol content and its rarity (La Vigneronne, 105 Old Bromley Road, London SW7).

Wales Come here on the quiet. There's so much to see and do in Wales during the quieter months. Visit medieval fortresses or wildlife parks, craft workshops or city centres... all on your doorstep.

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AUSTRALASIAN TOURS-DESK NEW ZEALAND-AUSTRALIA* FROM LONDON £399 ONE WAY Via North America London/Syd - from £380 one way New Zealand return from £660

SPANISH WINES CATALOGUES FREE Probably the widest range of fine Spanish wines, Sherry, Brandy, and olive oil in the world is available from La Mancha and Shaw Ltd.

REVIEW Paperbacks of the month

From ancient Roman temples to modern urban decay, contrasting views of London reveal a tale of two cities

Picturing the past frame by frame

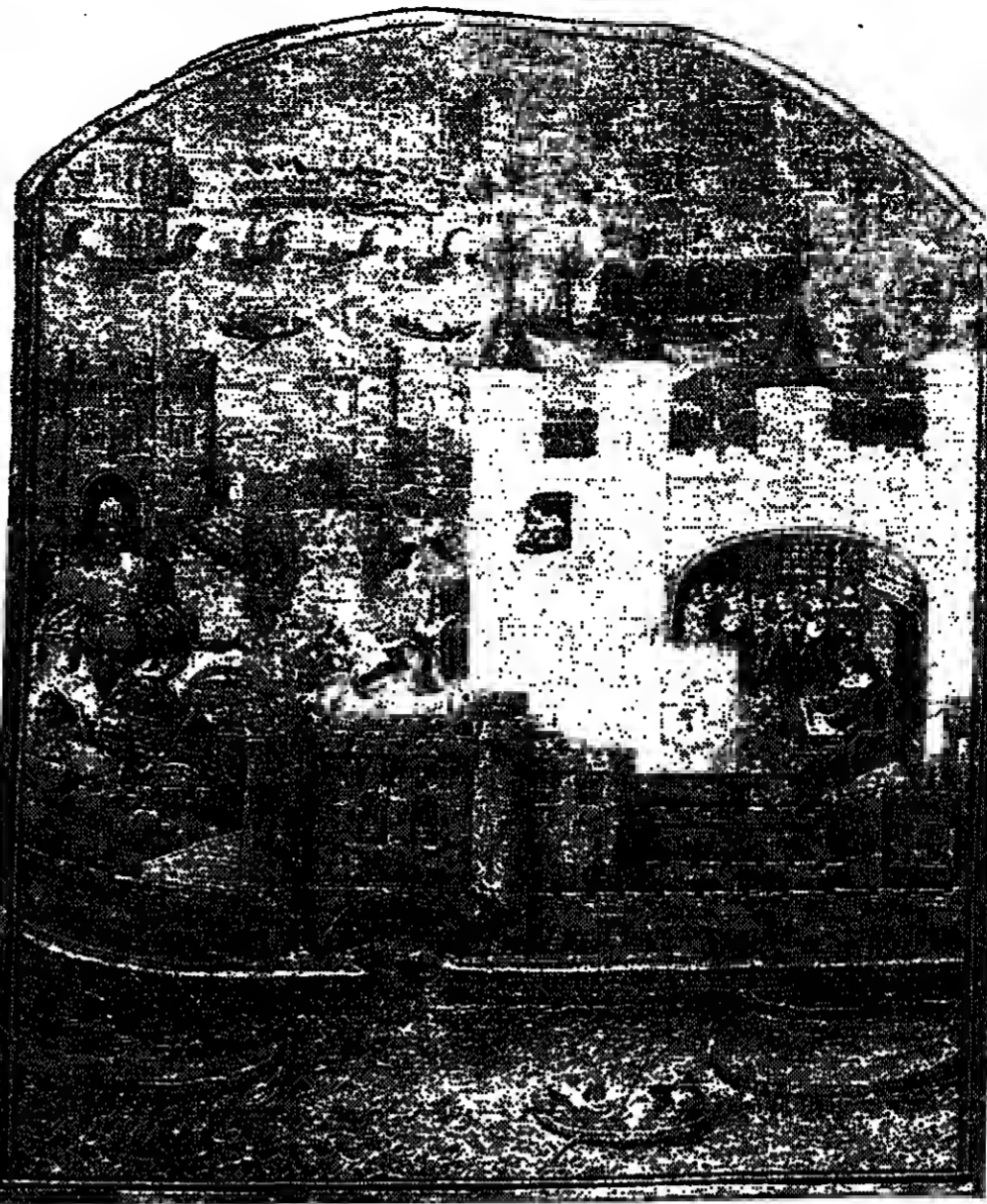
This book is superb cinema. It starts by whisking us up over London, to dwell at length on what, from this height, appears an unprepossessing landscape...

London: 2,000 years of a city and its people by Felix Barker and Peter Jackson (Macmillan Papermac, £9.95)

show them as a vision of order and seamlessness. It is only with the twentieth century that the grim and gritty that is an inescapable part of urban life starts coming through...

The Berners Street hoax, in which some wit had quantities of unwanted goods delivered to an unsuspecting householder, does not seem a real wow, but how lovely Mrs Sage - 'the First Female Aerial Traveller' - must have looked as she lifted off with Signor Lunardi on her balloon...

Clive Aslet The author is senior architectural writer for Country Life.



Fortunes of war: Medieval painting of London, depicting (from right to left) the imprisonment, ransom and release of Charles, Duke of Orleans, captured on the field of Agincourt

Beginner's pasta and warthogs à la carte

The Second Classic Italian Cookbook by Marcella Hazan (Papermac, £5.95) A Concise Encyclopedia of Gastronomy by André L. Simon (Penguin, £5.95) The All-American Cookbook by Martha Lomask (Sphere, £3.95)

It is a great mistake, though an understandable one, to be intimidated by Marcella Hazan. She sometimes makes me feel that my test-tubes are quite unequal to the testing standards she sets.

So one reads her the better to see, the better to understand. On the techniques of Italian cooking she is a master of precise explanation. Nothing the beginner could wish to know is missed.

The All-American Cookbook is just that. It has recipes for interesting-sounding specialties such as Pennsylvania Dutch rifle soup, rockbottom chili, and succotash, as well as all the dips, casseroles and Texican curiosities they eat over there.

Radical conscience on a Hackney ride

At first the model for this foray into the borough of Hackney seems to be Henry Mayhew or Charles Booth, those moralizing Victorian social investigators who shocked their contemporaries by revealing the extent of poverty and degradation on the very doorsteps of moderately prosperous London.

Inside the Inner City by Paul Harrison (Pelican, £3.95)

Third World - a nation living in underdeveloped conditions, yet so close to the affluent developed world that it is actually visible from the heights of Parliament Hill where literary folk, and presumably their readers, live.

subjects, the poor people of Hackney, acquire a compelling articulacy about their plight. His detailed eye penetrates the interior of council flats, rag-trade factories, social security offices; we meet a succession of people who have harrowing tales of poverty to relate and a most movingly their impoverished children, too.

David Walker engine of social and political change. Yet by the book's end his radical purposes have been undermined by the very accuracy of his reporting.

Subtle definition and extraordinary elegance

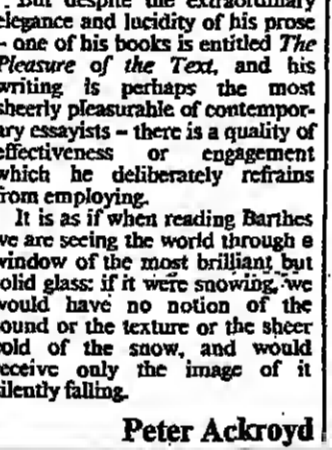
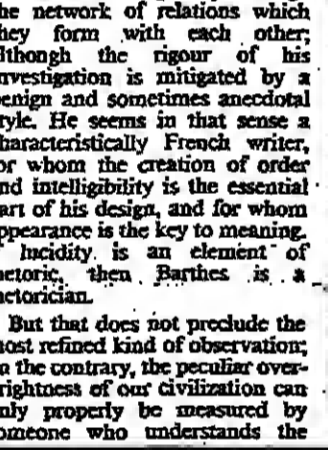
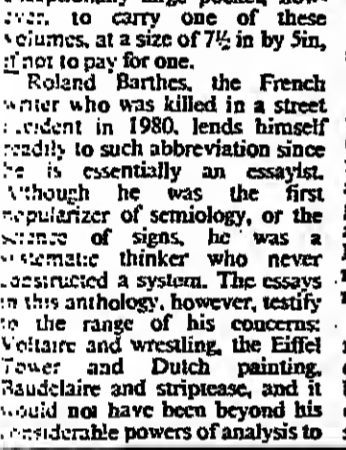
From the house that produced the Modern Masters series, in paperback that looked like portions of wallpaper (and some of the subjects were the intellectual version of that homely operation) there now comes Pocket Readers, a selection of extracts from various notable, or at least widely noticed, contemporary authors. You would need an exceptionally large pocket, however, to carry one of these volumes, at a size of 7 1/2 by 5 1/2, if not to pay for one.

Barthes: Selected writings introduced by Susan Sontag (Fontana £4.55)

compare each to the other and discover certain shared functions. Barthes has a tendency to employ elegant abstractions, in which objects and events are afforded meaning only through the network of relations which they form with each other.

principle of clarity, and who can interpret a neon advertisement with the same attentiveness as he explains a passage from Fourier. And when, in an essay on the wedding, reprinted here, he suggests that the wedding is an event which is "an image of passion, not passion itself," he is getting close to the spirit of his own investigations.

An extract from his brief journal is also published here, and from it one receives the impression of a solitary, bookish and speculative man, entranced by the experience of literature and by the idea of language, who slowly revolves each perception like a glass-blower, so that he can lead to it the maximum subtlety of definition and redefinition.



An overwhelming sense of sadness

Here are two new paperback imprints: Everyman Fiction from Dent, and Flamingo from Fontana Paperbacks. They are aimed squarely at some 1980s idea of the general reader, and the key-word is quality.

Mrs Caliban and Others by Rachel Ingalls (Everyman Fiction, £2.95) The Turning Point by Fritjof Capra (Flamingo, £3.50)

extraordinary skill that the reader is instantly ensnared. There is a good deal of humour, but the lingering flavour is of an immense and desolating sadness.

But despite the extraordinary elegance and lucidity of his prose - one of his books is entitled The Pleasure of the Text, and his writing is perhaps the most sheerly pleasurable of contemporary essayists - there is a quality of effectiveness or engagement which he deliberately refrains from employing.

affair between a bored and unhappy American housewife and a 6ft 7in frog-like sea creature, but Rachel Ingalls tells it with such

The Turning Point by Fritjof Capra (author of The Tao of Physics, also reissued in Flamingo) is a wide-ranging book, attempting to construct out of post-Einsteinian physics nothing less than a new world-view and an alternative future for the planet.

Eve and the fruits of knowledge

If Howard Brenton's new play, The Genius, seems like an anti-nuclear fantasy it is salutary to know that the author spent two years researching the field of nuclear physics before writing it.

the scientist, Leo Lehrer. "Scientists are very close to unifying the forces of nature, so close in fact that Howard hopes the play will come out before they actually do."

refusing to work any more he can avoid the question, but then, in the most dramatic way possible, he confronts a young woman student who has without knowing it written out the pure mathematics of unifying nature.

The Genius opens at the Royal Court (730 1745) on Monday at 7pm.

Critics' choice

ARDEN OF FAVERSHAM The Pit (828 6795) Wed at 7.30pm; Thurs at 2pm and 7.30pm; in repertory with Mollière by Mikhail Bulgakov (today at 2pm and 7.30pm; Mon and Tues at 7.30pm) and Tartuffe by Mollière (Fri at 7.30pm)

Set at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm. Griff Rhys-Jones makes one of the best "aunts" ever in a joyous parody (originally at the King's Head); but the production's speed and sparkle make it an intoxicating evening.

NOISES OFF Savoy (836 8888) Mon-Fri at 7.45pm; Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. The funniest farce for years.

7.15pm) and Guys and Dolls (Fri at 7.15pm) Peter Wood's apertising revival of Sheridan fulfils the promise of his cast list. Geraldine McEwan as a young but hilariously affected Mrs Malaprop, Sir Michael Hordern gaily and irascible, Patrick Ryecart see a witty hero and Tim Curry.

Out of Town

HULL: Spring Street Theatre (0482 23638). Gregory's Girl by Bill Forsyth. Sept 12-16 at 7.45pm. Hull Truck Youth Theatre premiere production of the story very successfully filmed: adolescent love and longings seen with affectionate, authentic humour.

LIVERPOOL: Playhouse (0532 442141). On the Razzle by Tom Stoppard. Until Oct 1, Mon and Tues at 8pm, Wed-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Oct 1 at 3pm. First production outside London for this fast and funny comedy adapted from a Viennese nineteenth-century farce. Directed by Steven Pimlott.

NOTTINGHAM: Theatre Royal (0502 472328/8). Amadeus by Peter Shaffer. Sept 12-17, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4.30pm and 8pm; matinee Wed at 2pm. Phenomenally successful play of Mozart and a jealous, possibly murderous, contemporary rival, in its first regional tour. Keith Michell plays Salieri; directed by Paul Giovanni.

Greater London Council presents HIP POCKET THEATRE Queen Elizabeth Hall 13-17 September 1983

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU Lyttelton (828 2252) Thurs and Fri at 7.45pm. In repertory with Inner Voices by Eduardo de Filippo (Today at 3pm and 7.45pm; Mon and Tues at 7.45pm; Wed at 8pm and 7.45pm).

THE RIVALS Lyttelton (828 2252) Today at 2pm and 7.15pm. Mon at 7.15pm, Tues at 2pm and 7.15pm. In repertory with Tales from Hollywood by Christopher Hampton (Wed and Thurs at

PREVIEW Galleries

ARTISTS OF THE TUDOR COURT Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 5371). Until Nov 6, Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-5.15pm, Sun 2.30pm-5.15pm. It is many years since a major exhibition of classic English portrait miniatures took place in London, and meanwhile there have been many changes of critical emphasis and a lot of new scholarship; also, the history and iconography of the Tudor portrait are one of V & A director Sir Roy Strong's specialities.

the most interesting work is produced by those in the middle, finding fruitful interaction between the disparate traditions. There is some good recent work, but a general tendency to ape Western artists reduces its effectiveness.

Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet 13, 14, 15 Sept Night Moves/The Invitation/St Anthony Variations 16, 17, 19 Sept La Fille mal gardée 20, 21, 22 Sept The Winter Play/Chorus' Checkmate 23, 24 Sept The Taming of the Shrew

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What's new on the GLC South Bank? GLC South Bank Concert Hall, Belvedere Road, London SE1 8XZ.

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WALL STREET Table with columns for company names and stock prices.

Unit trust performance

These tables show the value on September 1 of £100 worth of units invested 12 months ago and three years ago - net income reinvested and based on an offer-to-offer basis.

FINANCIAL Table with columns for 12mths and 36mths performance for various unit trusts.

FAMILY MONEY

Table listing various investment funds and their performance metrics.

Loans

Lazy man's way to buy a car

It will almost certainly pay to finance buying a car with a personal loan from the bank or an overdraft - which is even cheaper, if you can persuade your bank manager to allow you one.

BUT DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO SELL? Advertisement for investment advice.

NEW UNIT TRUST Now Britannia launch their Japan Smaller Companies Trust advertisement.

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WHO COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE? Advertisement for SAS insurance.

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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Early leavers

Investment
How to be safe from fluctuations

Investors in North America, having seen handsome profits on both shares and currency appreciation are becoming nervous. For those who want to stay in American shares but are worried about currencies...

Investors should be aware though that if they opt for the Sterling American Fund, they will also forfeit any appreciation of the dollar against Sterling.

New Japan unit trust

The number of unit trusts continues to mount with a dozen or more expected soon. Latest addition is a Japan Smaller Companies Trust from Britannia...

Perking up

THE APPEAL of something for nothing is difficult to resist. Knowing shareholders' weakness for free 'perks' Mr Alan Ramsey has compiled a guide to concessionaries, Perks from Shares...

Abbey trainees

Abbey National is recruiting school leavers to fill 370 places on the Government's Youth Training Scheme. Recruitment is being handled locally through the careers service...

What promises to be the biggest and most noisy debate yet on the costly problem of pensions is set for next Wednesday. The Department of Health and Social Security is organizing the event in London...

If any serious proposals are to come of this debate the chairman, Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, will have to keep a tight grip. Most pressing problems is what to do about early leavers...

Mr David Parnell, a pension consultant, whose views will strike a sympathetic chord among job changers says: 'The treatment of a person's pension provision when he changes jobs, often verges on the criminal.'

office and customer service skills and will also introduce the trainees to office technology now being installed. The government scheme does not provide a permanent job at the end of the 12 months...

High interest

Bradford & Bingley Building Society has introduced a high-interest account offering 0.5 per cent above the ordinary share rate for just seven days' notice of withdrawal. This amounts to 7.75 per cent net or 7.89 per cent if you allow the interest to roll-up...

Super account

London Permanent Building Society is paying 9.2 per cent on its Super Bonus Account. There is no fixed term but you must give six months' notice of withdrawal if you want to avoid penalties.

If you want money sooner, you can withdraw it at two months' notice but will lose two months' interest on the sum withdrawn. Minimum investment is £500.

This compares quite favourably with the two-year term shares being offered by most societies which pay 1.75 per cent over the ordinary share rate of 7.25 per cent.

Latest edition

The latest edition of the Consumers' Association's, Which Book of Saving and Investment is now available, giving up-to-date information on all aspects of saving. Like all Which publications it is clearly written, with examples of returns from different types of investment...

Puff adder

Phoenix Assurance has increased the non-smoker's discount given on its term assurance rates to 33 1/2 per cent. This means that non-smokers

enjoy a bonus of 50 per cent more life assurance cover than cigarette smokers for the same premium. The discount is available to all proposers, including pipe and cigar smokers, who have not smoked cigarettes during the past year and have no intention of doing so again.

Pension guide

Changing jobs can create pension problems but the Company Pensions Information Centre feels that the problem is not as serious as many critics make out. For example, it believes that a pension of less than two-thirds of retirement salary should not automatically be described as inadequate though it does not say why people who change jobs should be content with a lower pension than those who stay.

The centre has published a booklet on how changing jobs affects one's pension. It is available free from the Company Pensions Information Centre, 7 Old Park Lane, London W1Y 3LJ.

Other subjects covered are: how to understand your pension scheme; how to explain your pension scheme; pensions for women; how a pension fund works and what is a pension fund trustee?

Cheque charges up

Charges for non-TSB customers cashing cheques during TSB late opening periods are being doubled to £1. Exceptions are customers of Bank of Scotland, Royal Bank of Scotland, Clydesdale, Allied Irish, Bank of Ireland, Northern and Ulster.

Multi-currency fund

Standard Chartered Fund Managers (C.I.) has launched a new accumulating multi-currency fund with a minimum investment of £1,000 or the equivalent in US dollars, Deutschmarks, Swiss francs or yen. The annual management charge is 0.75 per cent

and repayment is available at two days notice. Interest which is earned at money market rates is accumulated so that all income is reflected as growth and holders will be liable to capital gains tax or corporation tax on disposal of the shares, not income tax.

How to be retired

Equity & Law, the life assurance company with more than 250,000 pension-scheme clients, has published a booklet giving pre-retirement advice to pension fund members. Planning for Retirement provides notes on, and a checklist of, a number of topics which people approaching retirement should consider...

It also gives lists of publications where further information can be obtained. A copy can be obtained free from Marketing Information Services (Dept RP), Equity & Law, Freepost, High Wycombe HP13 5BR.

Stock exchanges

Europe leads the world with biggest rises in share indices

European stock exchanges - and particularly those in Scandinavia - have seen the biggest rises among world share markets this year. The index for the small Norwegian stock exchange has more than doubled, while the Danish one stands over 80 per cent higher. The Swedish market has also managed a 70 per cent gain.

The strong performance of the continental exchanges finds recognition in the 1983 unit trust league table with five funds concentrating on European shares currently listed in the top 30. Lower oil prices, of course, have certainly helped Europe, which is heavily dependent on imported energy. What has also boosted European markets, though, over the past year or so, has been the change in government policies in several countries.

In recent months, European exchanges have also gained from

Table with 2 columns: Trust, Value £. Lists 10 funds including GT European, Oppenheimer International Growth, Aiken Hume Energy & Resources, etc.

*Offer to offer price basis, net income reinvested. American institutional buying. Clearly, though, if this money was withdrawn again as quickly as it has been put in, some markets could face a sharp setback.

However, Mr Hugh Priestley, investment manager of the £3.6m Henderson European Fund, believes that 'Continental stock markets should hold their own' compared with other areas over the next few months.

in several of the exciting high-technology and chemical stocks. Although it has been a mixture of European, American and Japanese trusts as well as a couple of energy funds which have taken the top places for the year so far, it was those managers who had their money 'down under' who saw the best performances last month.

What provided a particularly welcome boost for Australian stocks was the recent Federal Budget, which did not contain any of the harsh new taxes on local mining companies that had been expected. Of the dozen funds specializing in Australian securities, Stewart showed the biggest rise with a 12.6 per cent offer price gain. Gartmore Australian was second with a 10 per cent rise.

Funds investing in the United States, which have made some handsome gains over the past year, had a poor month in August. Continuing nervousness about the trend of American interest rates saw the Dow Jones Industrial Index only 1.4 per cent higher over the last four weeks. Of the 52 trusts concentrating on the United States only Abbey American Growth achieved a 0.2 per cent offer price gain - and then only a marginal 0.2 per cent funds, in fact, suffered quite sharp falls. Mercury American Growth was 8.4 per cent down on the month.

Vested interests go to war over pensions

Since the vested interests have already begun their campaigns with insurers, pension advisers, consulting actuaries and pension-fund managers deluging the media with their views. If any serious proposals are to come of this debate the chairman, Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, will have to keep a tight grip.

Mr Henry Verney, a pension consultant says: 'A pension is a person's own remuneration deferred until retirement age and therefore its management should, as far as possible, be given to the individual.'

'Taking a pension to a self-employed scheme would give the individual a direct way of managing the investment of his pension'. He says that if an employer can offer a better deal than is available under a self-employed scheme, then employees will want to remove their money. Under present legislation the employer can offer virtually whatever he likes giving the employee no real choice.

There should be no real differences between pension schemes for the employed, and the self-employed, according to Mr John Greener, another consultant. At the moment, the amount which the self-employed can pay into a scheme is limited and the employee is limited by the amount of benefits they can draw. Mr Greener would like to see a fairer distribution of the assets of pension funds, doing away with cross subsidies. This would give a more

equitable deal to deferred pensioners but may involve some reduction in benefits for those who stay to retirement age. Mr Greener believes that reform of occupational pension schemes is essential, because unless private sector pensions can provide adequate benefits for all, nothing can be done to reduce the mounting burden of state pensions.

Legislation is the only answer says Mr Greener. 'There will be no major change in the involved and diverse approach to pensions in the private sector until the Government introduces legislation'.

Legal and General, Britain's largest pensions company, has come out in favour of partially protecting the pension rights of job changers, but is against a do-it-yourself liberalization of pensions. It claims that a Gallup survey carried out in its behalf showed that people are not prepared to pay for the sort of pension they wanted.

This is at odds with the findings of a survey conducted by the Equal Opportunities Commission, which revealed that most people would be prepared to pay more to equalize retirement ages. The biggest worry is that pension fund members have no central body to represent their interests. The trade unions represent a minority of pension funds' members and there is the fear that their real interest is in controlling the high assets of the pension funds - not fighting for a fair deal.

Mr Fowler will have his work cut out if he is to hear the voice of the pension fund members over the clamour of the vested interests.

Schroder advertisement featuring a grid logo and text: UK and US stock markets are reflecting economic recovery prospects. Invest now for future growth and at a 2% discount in two outstanding Schroder growth funds. Includes details for Schroder General Fund and Schroder American Fund.

Perpetual Group Growth Fund advertisement featuring a mountain landscape image and text: The breathtaking rise of the Perpetual Group Growth Fund. Out performing all authorised unit trusts for growth - 1,287% in 9 years. Includes investment details and contact information.

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Silence on Britannia 'bid'

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Sept 5. Dealings end, Sept 18. Contango Day, Sept 18. Settlement Day, Sept 25.

Arbuthnot Latham Holdings, the merchant banker, is putting together a consortium to bid for Britannia Arrow Holdings, the remnants of the old Slater Walker empire.

At least that is the word in the market, but last night the parties involved were tight-lipped. Arbuthnot Latham was unavailable for comment. Mr Michael Newman, chief executive at Britannia, said: "You are the first person to have told me that".

Investment manager Touche Remnant is reckoned to be underwriting the issue, although all Lord Rennett, chairman, was prepared to offer was a firm "No comment".

On Thursday Britannia reported interim figures showing pre-tax profits more than doubling at £5.12m following the recent boom in unit trusts. Yesterday shares of Britannia slipped 1p to 24p, while the warrants rose 1p to 87p. At this level the entire group is valued at £100m. The market is now waiting further developments.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market ended the first leg of the account on a gloomy note following a stream of gloomy annual meeting statements from GEC. Their EMI at 592p, down

25p, and Pilkington Bros at 228p, down 10p. BP also continued to deter investors still nervously awaiting details of the Government's proposed self-off expedited next week. The shares fell 4p to 434p.

Analysts moved quickly yesterday to downgrade GEC profits after pessimistic remarks made at the annual meeting. Apparently the market is now only looking for pretax profits of £725m against earlier estimates of £765m. Lower interest rates and a weaker pound are expected to have an adverse effect on the group's cash mountain, now thought to be around £1,000m. The shares lost 11p to 220p.

In the event, the FT Index closed at its low for the day 8.7 down a 704.9. Among the leaders, Grand Metropolitan, the brewery and hotel group, was a weak market tumbler 30p to 770p after a visit to a firm of brokers earlier in the week. Occupancy

levels at its London Intercontinental Hotel are lower than expected and big profits appear to be some way off.

Also among the brewery shares Scottish & Newcastle Breweries rose 2.5p to 90.5p after yesterday's Times report over a broker's upgrading of profits. Dealers reported several large buyers doing the rounds before a brokers' visit to the company next week.

Gilts still managed small rises supported by the hope of lower interest on both sides of the Atlantic after the latest, better-than-expected money supply figures. Dealers reported rises of up to 25p in long, but trade was described as moderate with investors unwilling to commit themselves ahead of the weekend break. On the foreign exchange the pound closed 0.1 cents higher at \$1.4930.

Shares of Rowater Corp were a dull market ahead of interim figures next week. Dealers are bracing themselves for a sharp downturn in pretax profits and

some observers estimate that the shares are worth only 150p on a purely trading basis. But with assets valued at over 800p a share speculative attention continues to dominate the price. Also reporting next week are Fleet Holdings, owner of the Daily Express, and

Dealers were bracing themselves last night for a down-rail on shares of London Brick, an old takeover favourite, by its old adversary Tarmac. A price of around 110p has been mentioned, but dealers treated the story with scepticism. At this level the group is valued at £70.5m. The shares closed unchanged at 91p.

Sunday Express and Daily Star, up 5p to 129p.

Castrovy Industries has sold its entire stake in Edward Jones amounting to 1.02 million shares. This represents around 23.7 per cent of the ordinary shares and £38,000 nominal of 15 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock for a total of £242,000 in cash.

The shares have been bought by two private shareholders, Mr Nicholas Morris and Dr Richard Petty. A further announcement is expected soon.

Meanwhile Caparo Investments, the investment arm of Mr Stuart Paul, has bought a further 200,000 shares in Brockhouse, the engineer, transport and building group. Caparo now owns 2.845m shares in Brockhouse totalling 16.4 per cent of the issued equity.

Brockhouse closed unchanged at 36p valuing the whole group at £5.2m.

Whelan Investments has bought 875,000 shares in the Scottish Heritage Trust amounting to 6.4 per cent of the equity. Scottish Heritage held steady at 52p.

Insurance-broker C. E. Heath has bought 45 per cent of the shares in Eric Metzfeldt, a Montreal-based insurance broker, for a consideration of £380,000.

On the Unlisted Securities Market, shares of Spelag Ram ended the week 22p higher at 163p after a broker's buy recommendation and visit to the company. The group, which manufactures bathroom and kitchen equipment, joined the USM in April at a placing price of 105p a share.

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How to... without...

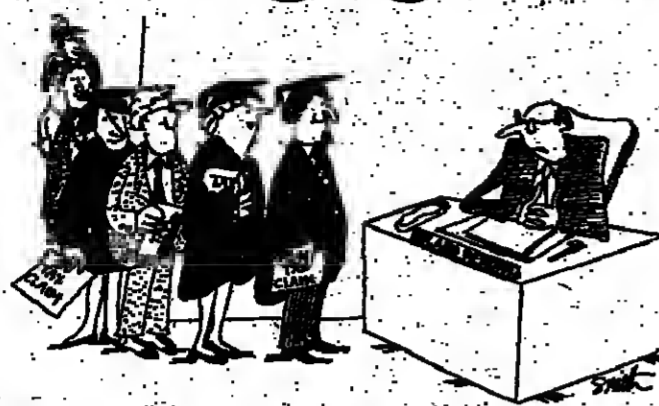
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FAMILY MONEY

Deeds of covenant

How to ease school fees burden without infringing the tax laws

Any means of cutting the cost of a child's education is welcome. With school fees running into thousands of pounds a year and the cost of maintaining a student rising alarmingly, parents have been looking for ways to economize.



Four years ago, relatively few people used deeds of covenant. Today they are probably the biggest single means of legitimate tax mitigation.

Parents can support a son or daughter over 18 by a deed of covenant. Anyone other than the parent can help with the cost of school fees and general maintenance if the donor is 18.

A deed of covenant is a legal agreement between two people whereby the donor agrees to pay the recipient a sum of money by regular instalments over seven years. The attraction is that the giver gets tax relief at the basic rate on the payments and the recipient - provided he or she is a non-taxpayer - is able to reclaim the tax deducted at source by the giver. This means that every £100 handed over by a parent or grandparent to a child costs the giver £70 after tax relief but is worth £100 in the hands of the child.

Last year the Inland Revenue took the unprecedented step of issuing a standard deed of covenant form for students over 18. (IR47 - obtainable free from local tax offices). Unfortunately it does not explain how to calculate the correct amount to covenant or any of the pitfalls of covenanting. It is also not suitable for covenanting money to a child under 18.

The Commissioners' Association has come up with the 'Which?' do-it-yourself kit for students. It includes a variable covenant to cope with the fact that a parent's contribution to a student's maintenance tends to differ from year to year. The wording is a little complicated, but it appears to be well produced, comprehensive and costs £4.95.

Barclays Bank will help students to fill in a deed of covenant and provides a form free for students who open an account with it.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts - Midlands, Barclays, Lloyds, Nationwide 6 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Lloyds extra interest 9 1/2 per cent. Monthly income account Nationwide 8 1/2 per cent. Fixed term deposits £5,000-£25,000 - 1, 3 and 6 months 8 1/2 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

National Savings Certificates 26th Issue Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 8.25 per cent. maximum investment £5,000.

General portfolio 9-11.5 per cent. min investment £1,000. 5 years. Canterbury Life 9 per cent. min investment £1,000.

Local authority yearling bonds 12-month fixed rate investments, interest 10 1/2 per cent. basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Table with columns: Fund Name, APR, Telephone. Lists various investment funds like Aifion Home, Bank of Scotland, etc.

National Savings Income Bond Min investment £2,000 - max. £200,000. Interest - 11 1/2 per cent. variable at six weeks notice - paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment of or 6 months notice - check penalties.

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1-year Kingston upon Hull 10 per cent. 2 years Wrexham 10 1/2 per cent. 3 years HammerSmith & Fulham 11 per cent. 4 years HammerSmith & Fulham 11 1/2 per cent. 5 years Kingston upon Hull 11 1/2 per cent. 6-9 years Knowsley 11 1/2 per cent. 10 years Taff Ely 11 1/2 per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (01-630 7401, after 3 pm). See also on Pressnet no 24804.

Finance house deposits (UDT) Fixed term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deduction of tax. Five-Fifty scheme: 6 months 9 1/2 per cent; 1 year, 10 per cent; 2 years, 10 1/2 per cent.

National Savings Bank Ordinary accounts - interest 3 per cent. first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account - 11 per cent interest paid without deduction of tax. One month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

Guaranteed Income Bonds Return paid net of basic rate tax. Higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability of mortality. 2 & 3 years Canterbury Life 8.5 per cent min investment £1,000 3 years capital life 8.5 per cent 4 years

Building societies Ordinary share accounts - 7.25 per cent. Term shares - 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes - 1.25 per cent over BSA

Foreign currency deposits Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Int. Reserves 0481 26741. Seven day notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

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RUGBY UNION

Seeking the right arenas for sawdust and tinsel

As English rugby players up and down the country began returning the forms sent out by the Rugby Football Union, asking them to declare their eligibility and availability for the season's international matches, the man who spearheaded the RFU's novel step, David Lord, cast his net wide to see if he could find a representative in Europe confirmed his belief in the proposed professional tournament.

A persistent hangover from New Year's Day

It was New Year's Day when Bath lost a rugby match. Their opponents were Leicester, and today they travel to Welford Road for a match that brings together two of the three most attractive club sides in England. Pledges of loyalty, under the banner of the RFU, are (temporarily) forgotten, because the credo of Leicester and Bath is to run the ball, with sense and with style, in a way that the Lions found exceptionally difficult during the summer.

FOOTBALL

Sunderland flying boot to rescue of leaky Arsenal

The mock examinations are almost over and some first division clubs. Six of them, having disposed of early season nerves and excitement, will sit their final League tests today before facing the ordeal of European competition next week. The most arduous task would seem to be in front of Liverpool, lone entrants in the European Cup, who are at Highbury.

The trials of Dearden

After a series of knee operations Alan Dearden, the Widnes second row forward, was told by doctors to retire while at the prime of his career. That was four years ago. Tomorrow Dearden plays the first of three trial games for Fulham, Keith Mackie writes.

GYMNASTICS

Morris has narrow lead

Just 0.8 of a mark separates the first three men for the final stages of the British national championships sponsored by the Daily Mirror at Wembley today, Peter Aykroyd writes. In the lead is Andrew Morris of Swansea, aged 21, the best British prospect for two decades.



Sunderland: lost his case have been irresistible before the interval, less so after it. Nevertheless, Luton have beaten them only once - in 1897.

McEnroe and Fleming unstoppable

From Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent New York

Peter Fleming and John McEnroe, already Wimbledon champions, beat Fritz Buehning and Van Winitsky 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in the men's doubles final of the United States championships here yesterday.



Hair raising: Noah serves with zest but falls to Arias

of competitive tennis, partly because he has been under suspension for failing to honour a commitment. As a consequence, he is an aggressive player who likes to volley - and floodit tennis is not ideal for that sort of thing.

Yesterday's results MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL: J. McEnroe & P. Fleming vs F. Buehning & V. Winitsky 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Cook rewarded for a risky declaration

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

LORDS: Northamptonshire (21pts) beat Middlesex (6) by seven wickets. With one match to be played Essex lead Middlesex in the county championship, sponsored by Schweppes, by 13 points.

Yesterday morning, for the second time in the match, Barlow and Miller gave a Middlesex innings a rousing send-off. They made 118 for the first wicket in 21 overs.

Championship table

Table with columns: Team, P, W, L, D, Net, Points. Lists various county cricket teams and their performance in the current season.



Barlow in full flow at Lord's (Photograph: Chris Cole)

playing for England. As bowlers the 'outsiders' would be able to choose from Lever, Emburey, Hendrick, Underwood, Taylor, Sidebottom, and Old.

Young riders blaze a trail for seniors as Britain gallop ahead

By Jenny MacArthur

Britain were well in the lead for the European team championships after yesterday's cross-country at the Buryfield horse trials, sponsored by Remy Martin.

Two London players who have only played one competitive game each this season are in the Welsh squad for the European championship in Norway on September 21.

IN BRIEF

WORCESTER: Worcestershire (18 pts) beat Gloucestershire (3) by eight wickets. It is not too difficult to finish a first class match in two days.

A vigorous end-of-term rally

By Alan Gibson

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A dismal record remains

By Richard Streeton

SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire (8pts) drew with Surrey (5). Surrey were still seven runs behind with five wickets left when the final hour began.



Big splash: Blaco Hill gives Lucinda Henson a watery trip at Buryfield. Photograph by Ian Stewart.

A double helping of mastery

By Peter Marrow

Edgbaston: Warwickshire (18 points) beat Glamorgan (3) by eight wickets. Alvin Kallisharma was in marvellous form yesterday, as he continued to be.

Holding's fiery spell inspires Derbyshire

By Peter Marrow

Derbyshire, inspired by Michael Holding's fast bowling, achieved their seventh championship victory of the season when they beat Nottinghamshire by 100 runs at Derby yesterday.

Smiling like a Cheshire bat

By Peter Marrow

In the first of the English Industrial Estates Trophy semi-finals, Cheshire overcame Wiltshire by 111 runs at Darlington yesterday.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Table with multiple columns showing cricket scores for various matches including Derby v Notts, Somerset v Kent, and others.

Hine in extra time

By John Watson

The semi-finals of the open and handicap sections of the EPA championships, both of which were played off at Windsor Great Park, yesterday, opened with what proved to be the most close-fought tussle of the tournament.

England's treble quick time

By John Watson

England had another good win yesterday in the European Under-21 Cup qualifying tournament at Bisham Abbey Sports Centre.

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Edgbaston leaders

Norman Gifford, the Warwickshire slow left-arm bowler, has been appointed as assistant manager at Edgbaston Cricket Ground.

Handwritten text and signatures at the bottom of the page.

MOTOR RACING
Brabhams lap it up and Piquet takes top spot

From John Brannen, Monza
Nelson Piquet and Ricardo Patrese, the Brabham - BMW drivers had reason to be satisfied yesterday afternoon with a job well done. They took turns to claim the fastest qualifying time for tomorrow's Italian Grand Prix before Piquet settled the issue with his second set of qualifying times.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for Arsenal, Liverpool, Everton, Tottenham, Manchester United, Chelsea, and other clubs across various divisions.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND FUNERALS

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.55) Begins with Structural Power...

TV-am
6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Tom Arthur and John Noakes...

ITV/LONDON
9.25 LWT Information: what's on in the area; 9.30 Sesame Street...



Don Ameche (left), Tyrone Power and Alice Faye: In Old Chicago (Channel 4, 2.20pm)

BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 8.10) Begins with Prey for the Predator...

BBC 1
6.50 Open University (ends at 8.55) Begins with Tunnels and Tunneling...

Channel 4
1.55 Widows: Are You Listening? American widows pool their experiences...

TV-am
7.25 Good Morning Britain: with David Frost, Frank Chapple provides the Thought for a Sunday...

ITV/LONDON
9.25 LWT Information: What's on in the area; 9.30 Play Better Squash...



Al MacGraw and Robert Mitchum in part one of The Winds of War (TV, 7.45pm)

BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 6.50). Then from 7.15 until 1.55. Sunday Grandstand: Live coverage of three sporting events...

Radio 4
6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News: Five Days Today. 6.45 In Perspective: The Affairs of Africa...

Tonight's Prom
7.30 Fauré: Pelléas et Mélisande. Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No. 3...

Radio 1
News on the half-hour until 12.30 pm. 2.30, 3.30, 7.30, 8.30, 10.00 and 12.00 (MFM) 6.00am Wake up to the week...

Radio 4
6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News: Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather: Travel. Programme News...

Radio 3
7.55 Weather. 8.00 News. 8.05 Jacques Thibault: Records by the French violinist...

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S4C Starts 2.20pm A Week in Politics. 2.30pm Minscape. 2.35pm Making the Most Of. 4.50pm In Old Chicago...

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS
GRAMPIAN As London except: 8.25am Cartoons. 8.30am News. 8.35am Smurfs...

GRANADA As London except: 8.25am Tides. 8.40am Falcon Island. 10.30pm The Viking 5.35pm-6.30pm...

YORKSHIRE As London except: 8.25am Minscape. 8.30am News. 8.35am Smurfs. 8.40am Falcon Island...

CENTRAL As London except: 8.25am Kizil. 8.30-10.00am Paint Along With Nancy...

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When the going gets rough, then rougher

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

Over 120 Servicemen are "rumping" their way across the hills of Central Wales in what is claimed to be the toughest infantry patrol competition in Nato.

How tough can be seen from the fact that on a miserable wet misty first day only five of the fifteen teams managed to reach their destination anywhere near to schedule.

Two teams, representing the Third Battalion Royal Green Jackets and the Royal Marines' 3 Commando Brigade Headquarters and Signals Squadron got lost and failed to carry out any of the tactical exercises which they should have performed.

That first day of the Cambrian March on Thursday, had the teams struggling across 25 miles of sodden hill and moorland carrying rifles, ammunition and up to 60 lbs of kit.

almost entirely in heavy mist, navigating by compass.

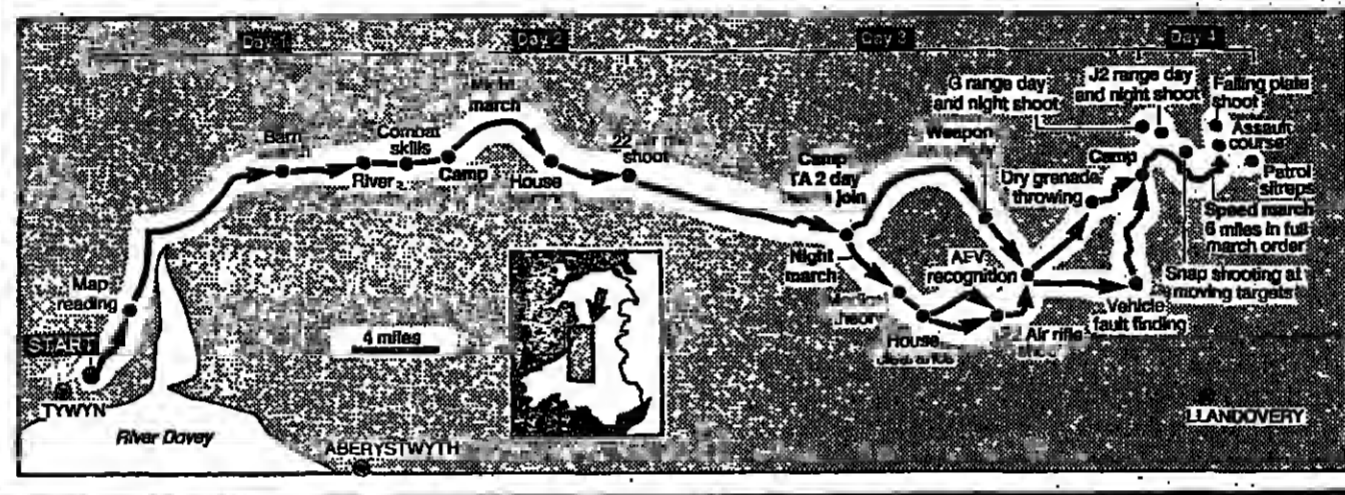
The conditions were so rough and things were running so far behind schedule that the last ten teams were brought in over the last two or three miles to overnight base by truck, as night fell.

It was a day calculated to destroy men and organisations: in fact, five men withdrew with minor injuries, and in order to stabilize the situation a night march was cancelled.

Lying low: An exhausted soldier rests.



45 Field Support Squadron Royal Engineers plan their next move. Photographs: Bill Warhurst.



Letter from New York Zoo manners down in rude Manhattan

The other evening I was in a taxi bouncing over Manhattan's potholes in a thunderstorm. People were hurrying across the road with newspapers over their heads and the cabbie started to nudge his way through them.

A few pedestrians shouted at the driver, but a young woman went further. She stood defiantly in front of the taxi, turned her back, flipped her skirt and let her underwear express contempt.

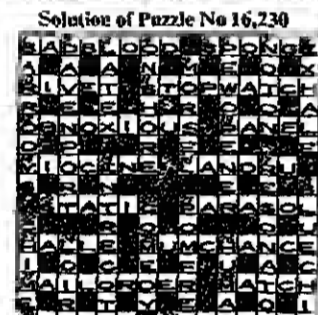
New Yorkers are said to have a skin layer missing, so that the normal constraints of manners and tolerance are absent.

Trevor Fishlock

Solution of Puzzle No 16,225



Solution of Puzzle No 16,230



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,231

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 City Street, London WC9 9ET. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Today's events section listing various cultural and social events such as 'Royal Engagements', 'New exhibitions', 'Concert by Royal Choral Society', 'Talks and Lectures', and 'The papers'.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

The Times Information Service section containing detailed sections for 'Gardens open', 'Roads', 'Weather forecast', 'Around Britain', 'High tides', 'Tomorrow', 'The pound', and 'Anniversaries', providing news and practical information.

Weather forecast

Weather forecast section including a map of the UK with weather symbols, a table of forecasts for different regions, and tide tables for various coastal locations.

Crossword puzzle section containing clues for 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' and a list of 'Last chance to see' exhibitions.

The pound section featuring a table of exchange rates for various countries like Australia, Canada, and the USA, along with 'Anniversaries' and 'Lighting-up time' information.

Abroad section featuring tables of exchange rates for major world currencies and a 'Lighting-up time' section for various international cities.

A Prize Concise Crossword and the winners and solution of The Times Prize Jumbo Competition appear on page seven of today's Saturday section.

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